



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts
730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476
Phone: 781-316-3000

webmaster@town.arlington.ma.us

Conservation Commission Minutes 03/03/2011

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
March 3, 2011

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, and Curt Connors of the Commission. Catherine Garnett, of the Commission, was not in attendance. Chris Naylor, Al Gala, Andy Leonard, Sharma Mithilesh, Aida Khan, Nergis Mavalvala, Pasi Miettinen, Martine Gougault and Phil Henry were also in attendance.

Mr. Naylor has submitted his application to join the Conservation Commission.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Reed/Connors motioned to approve the 2/17 minutes as written; motion passed unanimously.

Ecofest is on 3/26/11 and the Commission coordinated their schedules to attend the event and work at the Con Com's table.

Mr. White reported that the Finance Committee approved the Warrant Article to fund the Waterbodies maintenance account for \$20K. The Warrant is reviewed next by the Board of Selectmen.

8:00 pm Notice of Intent – reconstruction of tennis courts at Wellington Park

Mr. Leonard presented the project to rebuild the five tennis courts in the same layout but up to the standards for competitions. The old playground equipment will be removed and not replaced at this time. No trees will be removed, tree protection will be installed. Some pruning for equipment access may be necessary. One handicap parking space will be provided. The asphalt path will be removed and replaced with stonedust.

The courts will be 6 feet wider and 2-3 feet longer to meet the regulation size for competitions. This additional drainage runoff will be captured with french drains and infiltrated underneath the courts. Improvements to the existing lighting will be an add on to the contract if they find the money. Low shrubs, possibly roses, will be installed along Grove St. The existing asphalt will be ground up and reused as subbase material.

Mr. Naylor asked if they had measured the ground water elevation. Mr. Gala reported that they investigated down to 7 feet and found no evidence of groundwater. The infiltration system would be installed a minimum of two feet above the seasonal high ground water.

Ms. Sharma asked what disturbance, if any, would occur at her adjacent property. Mr. Leonard responded that there should be no permanent impacts due to the project since the stormwater will be disposed of with the infiltration system. Construction period impacts potentially may include noise, traffic and dust, which will be mitigated with proper contract specifications.

Mr. Stevens asked whether the project would meet the Riverfront redevelopment standard, 310 CMR 10.58 (5), and asked Mr. Leonard to provide a narrative demonstrating compliance with all applicable sections. Mr. Leonard said he would review these standards and provide the requested information. Mr. Stevens also asked for a percent increase in the impervious area. Mr. Leonard said he would compute these figures and provide them to the Commission

White/Reed motioned to continue this hearing to 3/17 at 8pm in order to review this additional information; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm Abbreviated Notice of Intent – 19 Sheraton Park

Mr. Tirone recused himself from this hearing and left the meeting room.

Ms. Mavalvala presented her proposal to construct a two story addition to the back of the existing one story house within the Buffer

Zone to Spy Pond.

The footprint increase will be approximately 100sf. There will be no landscaping changes with this project. Staging will occur on the street-side of the house.

Mr. Miettinen at 23 Sheraton Park is supportive of the proposal.

Connors/White motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Connors/Reed motioned to approve the project with the conditions to cover the dumpster, mitigate runoff from downspouts and prohibit use of copper downspouts; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm Abbreviated Notice of Intent – Reservoir Habitat garden

Mr. White recused himself from this hearing as he is a project proponent.

Mr. White and Ms. Gougault presented the project to install new plants next to the emergency spillway at the Arlington Reservoir.

There will be no grade changes. They are considering the use of compostable erosion control socks. There will be soil amendments as a result of the soil tests recently completed.

Ms. Reed asked for a maintenance plan for the new garden.

Reed/ Connors motioned to continue the hearing to 3/17 at 8:15pm in order to review the maintenance plan; motion passed unanimously.

8:45pm Enforcement – Viking Court

The property manager was not in attendance. Ms. Beckwith will attempt to reschedule.

9pm Request for Certificate of Compliance – 837 Massachusetts Ave, CVS

Mr. Henry presented additional photos of site drainage and landscaping. Ms. Beckwith visited the site on 3/2/11.

Tirone/Reed motioned to approve the Certificate of Compliance with the three ongoing conditions outlined in the Order of Conditions (DEP File No. 91-202); motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator